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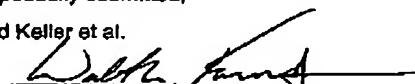
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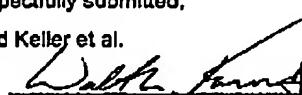
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**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION
REQUIREMENT UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 121**

This is responsive to the Restriction Requirement dated March 22, 2006. As of this filing, claims 1-31 and 36-45 remain pending in the application. The Examiner has, however, indicated that the application contains claims directed to the following patentably distinct species:

Species I A fluid ejection device having a random predetermined intended distribution of nozzle sizes

Species II A fluid ejection device having a uniform predetermined intended distribution of nozzle sizes

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Species III A fluid ejection device having a normal predetermined intended distribution of nozzle sizes

Species IV A fluid ejection device having a binary predetermined intended distribution of nozzle sizes

The Examiner asserts that the indicated species are mutually exclusive, and thus, that the present election requirement is proper. Applicants respectfully disagree with the Examiner's characterization that the species are mutually exclusive, and thus request consideration of all of the indicated species in the present application.

The Examiner indicates that claims 1, 12, 23, 31 and 36 are generic, and requires applicants to elect a single disclosed species to which prosecution on the merits shall be restricted if no generic claim is finally held to be allowable. Applicant understands that in the event that any of these generic claims are indicated allowable, all of the currently-pending claims will be considered.

Accordingly, pursuant to the Examiner's requirement, applicants hereby elect Species III. As currently drafted, and accepting only for the sake of election that the Examiner's characterization of mutual exclusive species is accurate, claims 1, 4, 6-12, 15, 17-23, 25, 27-31, 36, 39 and 41-45 read on Species III.

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If the Examiner has any questions, or if a telephone interview would in any way advance prosecution of the application, please contact the undersigned attorney of record.

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